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1. REQUEST SCIOFF PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO MALASHKO,
MIN RAIL, COPY TO ISHCENKO, SCST.

2. MAY 2, 1977 05.03

LEONID V. MALASHKO
DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE
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COMMUNICATIONS
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
MOSCOW, USSR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEX OF APRIL 19 PROPOSING THAT THE
SOVIET RAIL DELEGATION VISIT TAKE PLACE DURING THE PERIOD

JUNE 28 - JULY 10. AS THE SCHEDULING OF A VISIT DURING THIS PERIOD IS COMPLICATED BY THE JULY 4 HOLIDAY WEEKEND, WE PROPOSE THE VISIT BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE JULY 5 - JULY 17 PERIOD. PLEASE INFORM OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW IF

THESE DATES WOULD BE SATISFACTORY SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE AND SEND YOU THE DETAILED PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, THE SOVIET DELEGATION SHOULD BE TICKETED FOR AIR TRAVEL FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, TO PUEBLO, COLORADO, TO PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, AND FROM ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA, TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FRA IS ARRANGING ALL OTHER INTERNAL-U.S. TRAVEL BY RAIL AND AUTOMOBILE AT NO COST TO THE DELEGATION MEMBERS.

THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 3-15 IS THE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE VISIT OF U.S. RAIL DELEGATION, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHT SPECIALISTS FROM GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY, WHOSE PRIMARY INTERESTS ARE THE DESIGN, FIELD TESTING (LIFE CYCLE), MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND INSPECTION OF ROLLING STOCK AND COMPONENTS. A LIST OF QUESTIONS ON ABOVE AREAS AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU SOON. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE INTEREST AREAS DO NOT INCLUDE TOPICS ON LOCOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY AS WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GENERAL MOTORS' ELECTROMOTIVE DIVISION (GM-EMD) IS ARRANGING A VISIT TO THE USSR TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH SOVIET WORK IN THIS FIELD.

GM-EMD IS MAKING VISIT ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE INTERTORG ORGANIZATION IN MOSCOW FOR MESSRS. L. KOCI, ASSISTANT
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CHIEF ENGINEER, AND J. KATLIN, CHIEF DESIGN ENGINEER, TO VISIT THE SCHERBINKA TEST RING, THE DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE FACILITY AT KOLOMNA, AND THE DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE PLANT AT VOROSHILOVGRAD. WE WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING THE VISIT OF GM-EMD OFFICIALS.
REGARDS.

BERNARD A. RAMUNDO, CHIEF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DIVISION
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION
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